

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/US 03/30004	

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
IPC 7	G06F19/00	A61B6/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
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Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 00 72216 A (JOERGENSEN JAN TROEST ;HYLDSTRUP LARS (DK); ROSHOLM ANDERS (DK); T) 30 November 2000 (2000-11-30) page 5, line 19 -page 16, line 9 ---	7,8
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 1-6, 9-61 because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Claims 1, 9-61: Diagnostic method Rule 39.1(iv) PCT; Claims 5, 6: Method for treatment of the body by therapy Rule 39.1(iv) PCT; Claims 2-4: Rule 39.1(vi) PCT – Program for computers Rule 39.1(iv) PCT;
2. Claims Nos.: – because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

The present claims 7 and 8 do not define the subject-matter of the invention in terms of technical features within the meaning of Article 6.3 PCT.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which appear to be supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to systems for diagnosing bone diseases, mentioned in the description par. 13, 35, 95.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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